many estimates were prepared, how many works were in progress and how many had been executed. I was not provided with an answer and so I do not know what the present stage is. But from my experience regarding one or two of the items, I am inclined to believe that estimates have not at all been prepared for most of the new items that are provided for in the budget. Unless somebody very interested in those works pushes these people to the extreme and make it impossible for them not to prepare an estimate, they are not prepared. I would like the Head of the Administration to enquire into this particular question *viz.*, in how many cases estimates were prepared out of the new works sanctioned by Government. I did worry the department for one or two. Just two weeks ago, I got an answer from the Section Officer concerned that the estimates were prepared; but then there was another difficulty pointed out to me. This was a case of a small bridge. The estimate was prepared; but then he said that the particular road was not yet taken under Government maintenance and that I should get consent statements from the various ryots. I wrote back to the officer saying that the approach road on either side of the bridge was Government poramboke land and formed part of the old village road and that therefore in beginning to construct that bridge, no difficulty need arise. But I got the answer, I do not know if that is correct—"Government have passed proceedings that unless consent statements of all property owners through whose lands the road passed are obtained.....

President: Which is this road? Mr. Secretary please make a note of it.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: A small bridge across the Ayikattu thodu Aiyroor, Thiruvella Taluk.

The House adjourned for lunch at 1.0 p. m. and re-assembled after lunch at 2.0 p. m.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. A. Gunamony, *(Commissioner of Income-tax)* took the oath and signed the rolls :—

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—*(Contd.)*

Mr. K. S. Joseph: Sir, another point that I would urge is my suggestion that, instead of having separate Irrigation and Public Works Department divisions and sections, it seems that it would be better if the number of divisions and sub-divisions in the P. W. D. are increased and the same officers asked to look after both irrigation and P. W. D. works in their particular localities. Otherwise it often happens that the irrigation sub-division officer is far away from the locality in which the irrigation works are proposed. It also happens that the works are not promptly

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